



SOUTH DAKOTA
STATEWIDE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Learning. Leadership. Service.



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Better Learning • Better Lives



SOUTH DAKOTA
ParentConnection

Three Pillars of SFEC



**Birth to
Five**



K-12



**College
& Career**

Birth to Five

- Creating a literacy flow from Birth to Third Grade
- Bright Beginnings with SD DOE
- Literacy Strategies with Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL)





College & Career

- STAR Literacy Training
- HS Career Coach Pilot Program
- Financial Literacy
- Postsecondary Partnerships & Support



K-12

Family Friendly Walk Throughs



Porter the Hoarder

Super engaging, seek-and-find book for littles to read with bigs.

Written, illustrated, and designed by South Dakotans.



- Over 6,200 books delivered to 1st graders across the state during Porter Rollout in Fall 2019
- 6 Regional Signing Events:
 - Brookings
 - Aberdeen
 - Yankton
 - Sioux Falls
 - Faith
 - Dupree
- Expanding to more schools over the next 3 years!



Cohort of 20 school staff members from across the state to serve as Champions of Family Engagement

- Understanding of meaningful school/family partnerships
- Evaluation of current school practices
- Creation of family engagement events linked to learning
- Networking and relationships building with other participants



10 Schools Participating

- Aberdeen Mike Miller Elementary
- Aberdeen Lincoln Elementary
- Rapid City Grandview Elementary
- Rapid City North Middle
- Deubrook Schools
- Tea Area Frontier Elementary
- Lead-Deadwood Elementary
- Todd County High School
- Vermillion Elementary
- Sioux Falls Garfield Elementary



Ideal for people who work directly with children and youth every day, like teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, administrators, secretaries, and childcare providers

Outcomes include:

- A better understanding of trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Strategies to build positive relationships with students and to respond to behaviors associated with dysregulation
- Confidence to be a TIP leader at school, at work, or in the community

Learning Opportunities and Communication

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South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center (SFEC)...

Unites students, families, schools, and communities together by focusing on learner needs from "cradle to career." SFEC strives to ensure that all learners—especially English Language Learners (ELL), economically disadvantaged learners and minority students—have the supports they need to achieve academic, career, and life goals.



FEATURED: TOP 5 FINANCIAL LITERACY RESOURCES

[College & Career](#) [Financial Wellness](#)
Family Resource, Learner Resource

Birth to 5



Our Goal:
Help all young children reach their full potential.

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K-12



Our Goal:
Help all students thrive in positive, safe, and engaging classrooms that culminate with successful achievement of a high school diploma.

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College & Career



Our Goal:
Help all secondary and post-secondary young adults become college and career ready.

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